

# ***BLM Nevada News***

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## **BLM Seeks Input on Resolution of Effects to Historic Properties from The Yerington Land Conveyance**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Carson City District, is seeking input under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) for the Yerington Land Conveyance. On December 19, 2014 the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Act) was signed into law. Section 3009 titled the “Northern Nevada Land Conveyances” requires the BLM to convey to the City of Yerington (City) approximately 10,400 acres public lands. The Act requires to the BLM to convey the lands to the City within 180 days of enactment.

Conveyance of land out of federal ownership is an adverse effect to historic properties because they are no longer protected by federal laws. The BLM has completed an inventory of historic properties and is preparing a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that would define the ways in which adverse effects to five historic properties would be resolved. The public is invited to provide input on resolution of effect.

A public workshop regarding the Environmental Assessment and the Section 106 NHPA process will be held on Thursday May 14, 2015 at the Yerington Elementary School multi-purpose room. The school is located at 114 Pearl Street in Yerington. The workshop will be held from 6:30 pm until 8 pm. At 6:45 pm a short presentation will be given. In addition to information on the Environmental Assessment, BLM staff will provide information on the Section 106 process, including identification, eligibility, effect, and resolution of effect through a MOA.

For more information about the Section 106 process and the MOA, or to provide input, contact Rachel Crews, Archaeologist at: 775-885-6000. For information about the Environmental Assessment, contact Brian Buttazoni, Project Manager, at 775-885-6000.

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land, the most of any Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's mission is to manage and conserve the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations under our mandate of multiple-use and sustained yield. In Fiscal Year 2013, the BLM generated \$4.7 billion in receipts from public lands.

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